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Senator Schweiker

Enclosed is an article published in the August 17th issue of National Review. I call it to your attention because of the horrifying story it unfolds. Henrik Valenberg, a Swedish citizen, has been confined in various Soviet prisons for the crime of aiding Hungarian Jews during the Second World War. While the Soviet regime claims that he was executed in July of 1947, many reports have filtered out of the U.S.S.R. contrary to this claim, the most recent in 1977. In January of this year the Swedish government sought information about this man. The Soviet reply was coldly indignant: "there is, and cannot be, anything new in the case of Henrik Valenberg."

I do not send this article merely to add to what you already know-- that the Soviet government is cruel and deceitful. It is my purpose rather to elicit your help for this man. I urge you to contact the State Department for its help, and I ask you to speak out against this monstrous tale.

You may wonder why an Indiana resident would contact a Senator from Pennsylvania on such a matter. First of all, I have contacted Senators Bayh and Lugar and have asked the help of Mr. Congressman, Dave Evans. My wife is originally from Philadelphia and I am a graduate of Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pa, therefore I am not unfamiliar with your record in the Senate. You have shown a clear and unwaivering concern for humanitarian causes and have called upon the Soviets to fulfill their pledges made under the Helsinki accords. I ask you to continue this noble struggle by aiding a concerted effort on behalf of a man who sacrificed his liberty that others might retain theirs.

Sincerely,

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